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Yemen: 701A—1996

In 1980, Franz, DJ9ZB, requested permission to operate from Yemen. The response was, "okay, just let us know when you want to arrive." Unfortunately, subsequent letters stated that amateur radio was not permitted.

In November, 1996, Franz received an official invitation to operate from the Minister of Communication Building in Aden. Amen to that!

Franz and Zorro were permitted to operate CW and SSB with a power emission of 500 watts. Then, the unexpected happened. The MOC decided not to allow CW. The operation would have to be strictly SSB. Matters became more complicated when the amp and antennas, shipped by DHL, surfaced in the wrong city. Now what would they do? So many were expecting a contact.

There was only one solution: forge ahead; mount the R5 vertical and a dipole on top of the building; connect the 80 watts from the TS-50; and go for it!

When the large box containing the amp and antennas failed to arrive,

Franz and Zorro decided to split the operating hours in

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Franz, DJ9ZB, piling up SSB contacts.

Franz asked Zorro, JH1AJT, to accompany him and the Minister approved the additional operator.

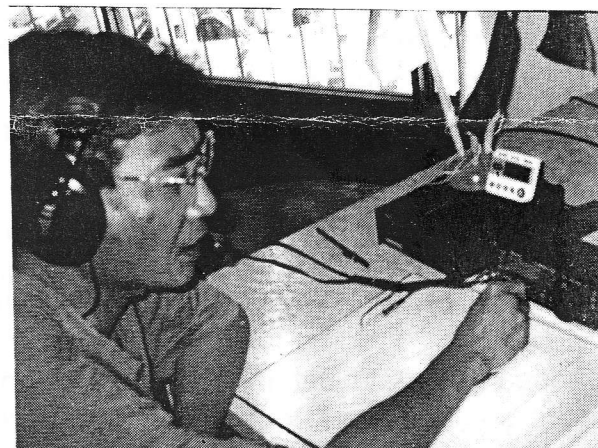
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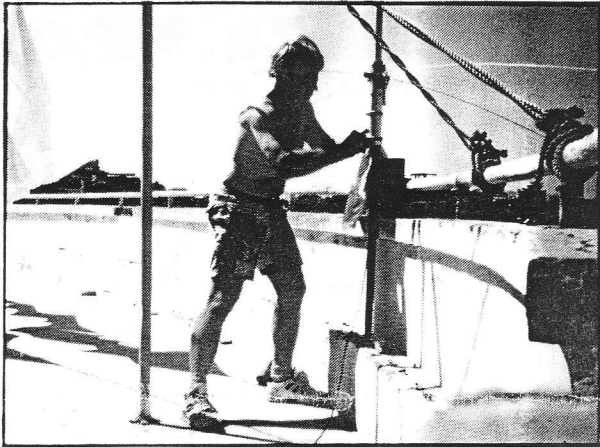
80 watts to an R5.



Zorro, JH1AJT, adding one more to the log.

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*Franz, DJ9ZB,
securing the R5.*

order to make maximum contacts in the short time allowed.

From December 15-23 they made 13,140 contacts. Most stateside DXers wondered if Franz and Zorro ate or slept during the operation!

The QSL route for 701A is via JH1AJT.

Franz has received permission from the Aden MOC to return in

the spring to operate all modes. INDEXA has shipped the equipment and beams for 10 to 40 meters, including WARC, for the '97 operation. If you are inclined to assist with the next operation, send your support to DJ9ZB or via INDEXA.

(Note: all equipment used on the December operation was donated to the Yemen MOC.)

Banaba Island—T33 by Ron Wright, ZL1AMO

In late September I set off to get to Banaba Island; however, Murphy—or was it "Murfee"—came along with me this time, hi.

I made it okay to 3D2 (Fiji) and prepaid an air ticket to T2, Tuvalu. This was in order to get a \$200 discount.

I landed at Tuvalu just fine but I discovered that my equipment had been off-loaded in Fiji. It seems that the aircraft couldn't carry all the check-in luggage. Fortunately, I had hand-carried my Yaesu 990.

In the meantime, I found an old

vertical antenna on Tuvalu which I mounted on the roof of the small guest house. This arrangement kept me on the air while waiting for my gear.

After a few days, I relocated to an old, unused building that, prior to satellites, housed the HF radios. Here I had power, air conditioning, and a very old HF and broadband antenna. I used this setup while QRX for my gear to arrive.

Alas! my equipment was truly lost so, on October 18th, I flew back to Fiji to search for my gear. After two weeks in Fiji, my gear

Bangladesh—S2

A group of operators consisting of DL3NEO, DL3DXX, and DL8WPX, will be on the air from February 2-18, 1997.

The assigned calls are **S21XZ**, **S21XY**, and **S21XX**.

Hannes, DL3NEO, stated that they may use one common call, or maybe two of them.

This is entirely an amateur operation—no tourist or business activities are involved.

The team will operate from Dhaka and will focus on the low bands with 80% CW and 20% SSB.

Donations are welcome for this effort.

The QSL route will be announced later on 14.236.

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was found—in Tuvalu!! The gear "lost" in Tuvalu was my amp, both HF antennas for 80 to 10, coax, laptop pc, and more clothes.

I had 2500 Qs from T2—mostly Europe—and 3500 from 3D2. My lost gear is now safe and stored on Fiji.

I will attempt T33, hopefully, in April, 1997.

Wish me well. Ron, ZL1AMO

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One for the record books—Heard Island, VK0IR

At 11:55z, on Monday, January 27, VK0IR made its final contact after logging a staggering 80,673 QSOs.

Putting one of the world's most needed countries on the air was an expensive endeavor. In addition to the three published routes for donations—and they *will* need some—you may enclose a donation with your request for a QSL.

Please don't send QSL requests via e-mail. The QSL route is:

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c/o John Parrott, W4FRU
POB 5127
Suffolk, VA 23435 USA

The cards will be mailed out in the order received and mailing will begin as soon as the log and cards are received.

And, yes, John has plenty of local help on this operation; however, expect a delay if you, or a group, send multiple cards in one envelope.

Mode	SAT	10	12	15	17	20	30	40	80	160	Total
CW	144	110	574	5362	5149	11977	7111	11079	2789	1241	45536
SSB	490	118	174	4456	4542	16318	0	4479	2504	0	33081
RTTY	0	0	0	0	0	2056	0	0	0	0	2056
Total	634	228	748	9818	9691	30351	7111	15558	5293	1241	80673

*Summary of VK0IR contacts
(via John, ON4UN)*

ZL8RI—Kermadec Islands video

Al, WA3YVN, operated from the ZL8RI islands in May, 1996. His professionally produced 30-minute video shows the journey, the island, and the operation from the DX end.

If you or your club would like to order a copy of this video, send \$25.00 plus \$3.00 shipping to:

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